

268.6 Agriculture energy efficiency education program.

The university of northern Iowa shall, to the extent required in this section, establish and administer an agriculture energy efficiency education program to assist agricultural producers to increase profitability and reduce the amount of energy used in the production of agricultural animals and crops.

1. If established, the university shall administer the program to promote strategies or methods that the university determines best foster the most efficient use of fuel and electricity, and which may include but are not limited to any of the following:

- a. Minimizing the consumption of fuel due to the idling of farm equipment.
- b. Increasing fuel savings, by promoting the use of efficient planting and harvest travel patterns.
- c. Optimizing the performance of farm equipment, including by the proper ballasting of tractors.
- d. Designing, constructing, or remodeling agricultural buildings to be more efficient, including by using systems that incorporate natural lighting and passive solar or passive cooling materials or principles such as exposure, ventilation, and shade.

2. The university is encouraged to cooperate with agricultural and energy efficiency advocates and governmental entities in administering the program, including the office of energy independence established pursuant to section 469.2.

3. The university is not required to implement this section until moneys are made available for implementation by the federal government.

2009 Acts, ch 175, §21

For future repeal of this section, effective July 1, 2012, if the university does not implement this section and notifies the Code editor in writing, see 2009 Acts, ch 175, §24